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The Office action of 12 January 2009 is hereby VACATED. Applicant's submission of 15 October 2008 is deemed in compliance with 37 CFR 41.202.

All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, the application is being forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

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